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1. JAPANESE RESEARCHERS IN GENETICS AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY GATHERED MAY 7 TO DISCUSS GENETIC MANIPULATION IN SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF JAPAN.

2. ACCORDING TO YOMIURI DATED MAY 8, DR. YATARO TAJIMA, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENETICS, REPORTED AT SYMPOSIUM THAT US IS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT GENETIC MANIPULATION RESEARCH. HE STATED THAT A STUDY COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF NOT ONLY EXPERTS BUT OF JUDGES, EDUCATORS AND CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES HAS TAKEN A DECISION RECENTLY IN US TO PROCEED WITH RESEARCH UNDER ADEQUATE SURVEILLANCE.

3. PROFESSOR KENICHI MATSUBARA OF OSAKA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STATED THAT IN US EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO DEVELOP SAFE MATERIALS TO AVOID USING FOR RESEARCH BATERIA OR VIRUSES CAPABLE OF ABNORMAL MULTIPLICATION OR OF INFECTON.

4. VIEW EXPRESSED BY SOME PARTICIPANTS, HOWEVER, THAT SCIENTISTS AFFILIATED WITH EUROPEAN RESEARCH ORGANIZATION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGU ARE IN FAVOR OF ACTIVELY PROMOTING

GENETIC ENGINEERING AND THAT JAPAN MAY FALL BEHIND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THIS RESEARCH AREA IF SITUATION REMAINS AS IT IS.

5. ALTHOUGH THE YOMIURI ARTICLE APPEARS UNDER HEADING, "SCIENCE COUNCIL BEGINS DISCUSSING QUESTION AS TO WHETHER 'GENETIC ENGINEERING' SHOULD BE REGULATED OR NOT," IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL (C), THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF ACTIVE DEBATE AMONG JAPANESE SCIENTISTS CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFILIATED WITH SCIENCE COUNCIL OF JAPAN. IT IS ALSO THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO REGULATE GENETIC MANIPULATION RESEARCH AS YET.
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